

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of March 30, 2007. Claims 1-3, 6, 8-11, and 14-19 are pending in the present Application. Applicant has amended claim 1. Applicant has also canceled claim 2. Consequently, claims 1, 3, 6, 8-11, and 14-19 remain pending in the present Application.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 2. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added and that no new search is required.

This application is under Final Rejection. Because the amendment clearly places the application in better condition for appeal by removing issues for appeal, the amendment should be entered. See MPEP 714.13 (stating "an amendment that merely cancels claims, adopts examiner suggestions, removes issues for appeal, or in some other way requires only a cursory review by the examiner," MPEP 714.13). Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the Amendment. Furthermore, Applicant has presented arguments hereinbelow that Applicant believes should render the claims allowable. In the event, however, that the Examiner is not persuaded by Applicant's arguments, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the Amendment to clarify issues upon appeal.

In the above-identified Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 11 and 14-19 were allowed and that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant welcomes the Examiner's indication that claims 11 and 14-19 are allowed and that claim 2 contains allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended

independent claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 2. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is allowable as currently presented.

Claims 3 and 8-10 depend upon independent claim 1, which is currently allowable. Consequently, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3 and 8-10 are allowable over the cited references.

Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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